

**CHRYSLER CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**The Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort**  
**Copperhead Course**  
**Tampa Bay, Fla**

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**Third-round quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH STEVE LOWERY**

CHRIS REIMER: Steve, congratulations also a co-winner of the CRESTOR Charity Challenge, and as I explained with Carl in here, CRESTOR is donating \$100,000 to select PGA TOUR events to health care related charities.

You will be able to donate \$25,000 of the health care related charity of your choice.

The tournament will donate \$50,000 to Academy Prep which is a local charity as well.

Start off a little bit by talking about the TOUR's giving back to the community and the idea of charities as a whole on the PGA.

STEVE LOWERY: You know, it's been a theme for the TOUR. I mean a billion dollars given to charity over the years is fantastic.

It's the first time for me to win the CRESTOR Challenge, so an opportunity for me to do, to give back, it's a great thing, a great cause. It helps all of the communities around the country.

CHRIS REIMER: You are headed into Sunday in the final group as co-leader. Talk about what you are looking for tomorrow.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I always come to play well, win. Typically these tournaments are won from the groups that are maybe second or third off. So the guys in the last group have to play really good to hang in there.

Obviously, you know, the focus is more on the final group. That will be a challenge. I was there in Vegas, and that's kinds of what happened in Vegas. I don't think anybody in our group, the final group won. So I'd like to play really well and handle it really well in order to win tomorrow.

CHRIS REIMER: I don't know if you saw the quote yesterday, Davis came in here and said he saw you on the ranges and noticed that you were hitting the ball really well and happened to see up on top of the leaderboard, do you feel your game as a whole is in pretty good shape right now?

STEVE LOWERY: You know, it is. Today, I got rocked a little bit with that wind out there. I hit some loose shots. It has been really good. I've been striking the ball pretty well, rolling the putter pretty well. It's been a good shape, all of it, here lately the last 6 or 7 weeks.

CHRIS REIMER: Questions?

Q. We hit you up pretty good about the cut streak at the beginning every the year, but I'm wondering if you think back to that, if you could have thought that you might have been in this position a few times towards the end of the year when you were going through that bad time? Did you ever wonder if you would get back to this point?

STEVE LOWERY: You know, at the time probably not because you're not playing well. Like I said yesterday, you feel like you're not going to play good again when you are playing like that. You know, it's hard to say how you get out of that, how you get into that. It's a confidence thing. It's more mental than it is anything. I just think that I worked hard on my physical game and just tried to have a good attitude and have, you know, come out of it. I've had some success and that builds on itself. You know, lately it's been really pretty good. I think you're confidence just grows a little bit. It's more mental. It feels like it's physical. You are hitting it bad, you're not making putts. But it's more of a mental confidence type thing when you go through something like that. You are never as good as you think you are when you are playing good. And you are never as bad when you are playing bad.

So, you know, I think it's tough going through that. Guys out here, everybody goes through it. You know, just hang in there and keep going. It's tough.

Q. Everybody likes playing well but when you come out from the black hole like that it's got to be even more satisfying to be on top of your game?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, to be able to turn it around in a short period of time in a season. It's very satisfying to be competitive and leading the tournament here, and I have been playing well.

I'm just trying to build on that and, you know, try to learn from it, going through something like that, and understanding when you went through it how hard it was. You know, and just try to learn from it.

Q. What was wrong with your swing, Steve, at the beginning of the year?

STEVE LOWERY: I think it was an accumulation of things over the years. I just got some fundamentals that were off. I wasn't turning really well. And, you know, I was kind of lifting the club with my arms. So I kind of got my arm swing and my body turned more coordinated, and I have been hitting the ball a lot better since I've made that change. I think that's probably been the biggest key.

Q. Phil Blackmore out there was just talking about when you're swinging well, he said when you seem to set it's really nice at the top?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I think the arm swing and the body turning, they go back together and stop, and then they come through, and when I'm swinging well, it's very together.

I think over the years I've just gotten away from that. And, you know, as of late, I'm back swinging well and it's kind of more together.

Q. Does it matter that the person you're tied with hasn't won before to you?

STEVE LOWERY: I mean you guys cover this stuff. I think, like I said, it's normally a couple of groups. Somebody gets hot during the day and it could be three groups. Who knows? You got guys -- Carl is certainly capable of winning. I am. It's just a matter of who handles it well tomorrow and gets the confidence and drives it in the fairway a lot and make some putts.

There is obviously a number of guys in the tournament. Just because you're in the last group doesn't mean that you've got a lot of huge advantage. That kind of evaporates.

Q. You got to like that three-shot cushion?

STEVE LOWERY: Absolutely. You know the thing about it, you go out and you play well, you can really separate yourself.

Obviously, my position is to go out and play well early and make some birdies and kind of separate yourself, and it kind of reduces the amount of people that can win the tournament.

Q. If you have a 3-shot lead in Vegas, that could be go in a minute. What's the difference here? Sure someone can get hot behind you, but we haven't seen a course that's yielding very many low scores?

STEVE LOWERY: Well, I mean this is one of the hardest golf courses that we play all year. It's going to be windy again tomorrow. The wind is out of the north and the greens are dried out. There is no moisture, so they are rolling really fast and they're firm.

It's tough to make a move out there when the golf course just won't let players do that. I mean, maybe one guy, make a few putts or chip-in or something and can make a run.

But it's just really tough as a whole, for the group, for the players to play real well on this golf course. You know, under par today I think was a great score. I shot 1-under and I felt very good about it. I don't know what the scoring average was, but I thought that was a very good score today.

Q. Did you have a feeling standing on the first tee that it might be that kind of day where, you know, to be at par or just under might do you pretty good?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, the wind blowing and you are walking that putting green, and you hit a couple of putts, you can watch how those balls roll on that putting green and you pretty much know it's going to be a challenge. It's going to be a tough day out there for sure.

Q. What would be more meaningful to you if you were to win tomorrow, the fact that you started out as Bob mentioned the last two days with 8 cuts in a row, or the fact that it's been five years since you won? I think it's been five years since Southern Farm?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes. I think it would be very satisfying to win after the start that I had, that would probably be the biggest thing. I've played well say in the last five years. To be able to turn this year around and win, I think that would be a huge accomplishment for me.

Q. You played here with the J.C. Penny several times and played well as I recall?

STEVE LOWERY: I think maybe Top-10s was probably the best that I did. I played with Chris Johnson here a few times. I played the golf course a lot.

Q. Local knowledge is still helpful?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I think so. I think you have the understanding to know this course isn't going anywhere. This golf course, through the tournaments, has kind of held up to the best. You got to play well to shoot under par.

Q. Did you watch any golf during the challenge season?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, skins game, things like that.

Q. Did you enjoy this format when it was here?

STEVE LOWERY: You know, I really did. I enjoyed playing with the LPGA players. I thought it was a great time to kind of bring the tours together. It was a great time for the players. We really enjoyed that. I look forward to it.

Q. It just seems like with the more events they have post TOUR Championship, there might be a fit for that again. Do you see it that way, especially with some of the youth movement on the women's TOUR?

STEVE LOWERY: I think so. I don't know. It always comes down to will the top players play? That's tough getting top players to play in the off season there. I mean as a whole I think the TOUR, both tours, enjoy it. I think the LPGA looks forward to it. It's one of their largest purses. It was a great time.

(Scorecard.)

Q. What's the strangest thing that happened to you today?

STEVE LOWERY: Strangest things that happened to me, I guess the par on 9, I hit it in the right bunker and hit it in the right rough on 9. You could barely even see it and try to hit it out. It just came way left about 30 feet and made a 30-footer for par. It didn't show up there on the stats, but it's probably the best putt I made all day.

Q. So it was an up and down from off the green on 9?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, routine.

(Laughter.)

Q. Did you look at the leaderboard much today?

STEVE LOWERY: You know, I really didn't. Sometimes like they say it looks at you. I wasn't really paying much attention to it; just trying to play my game. That golf course, I mean, you got to be focused out there to play that course. So I was just trying to play my game and focus as much as I could.

CHRIS REIMER: Thanks, Steve.

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